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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 6-2-52

WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal during the week. Most of the rain fell on the first day, and ranged from little or none along the eastern portion of the Kansas border and along the northern border, to excessive over and slightly to the south of the middle Platte Valley with moderate amounts over most of the state. The remainder of the week was generally dry and sunny with considerable wind on Thursday and again Sunday.

CROPS About 94% of the corn was planted up to last Saturday. Some replanting will be necessary due largely to flash floods and some insect damage. The rains of the past week softened the surface crust of the soil enabling corn to come up. Considerable of the early corn has been cultivated. Temperatures have been a little too low for maximum growth. The conditions so far this week are ideal.

The progress of corn planting by districts is as follows: Northwest, 77%; North-Central, 83%; Northeast, 94%; Central, 94%; East-Central, 96%; Southwest, 91%; South-Central, 94%; Southeast, 96%. A year ago 77% of the corn had been planted by June 1 as compared with 94% this year and 87% two years ago. Flash floods about ten days ago delayed planting somewhat in the Missouri Valley in northeastern Nebraska.

The outlook for winter wheat is still excellent throughout the state. The crop has been heading in the southern half of the state. The stand is heavy with few exceptions and the straw growth is above average. Insect infestation is generally light, except the heavy infestation of Army cut worms in Kimball county. There are a few reports of green bugs. So far orange leaf rust has been very light. No stem rust has been found to date but the heavy straw and wet soil condition offer a very fertile field for stem rust if the spores happen to be blown in from the South. Lodging has been very light.

Part of the oats are a little off color, which seems to indicate a lack of fertility. Temperatures have averaged a little too low for maximum development of nitrates. Oats in fields of good fertility are promising. Some fields are weedy and a little spraying for weeds has been done. There are some reports of green bug infestation.

Some of the alfalfa was harvested in southern Nebraska last week and cutting has started in northeastern Nebraska. Pastures are excellent throughout the state. Wild hay is very promising.

Sugar beets have been doing better in western Nebraska since the rain. Blocking of sugar beets has started. The supply of seed potatoes is very short. Ground is being prepared for dry edible beans. About 60% of the sorghum has been planted.

The surface soil moisture situation was reported ample throughout the state, except two counties reporting a slight shortage and two counties reporting a surplus. Subsoil moisture was reported ample throughout the state.

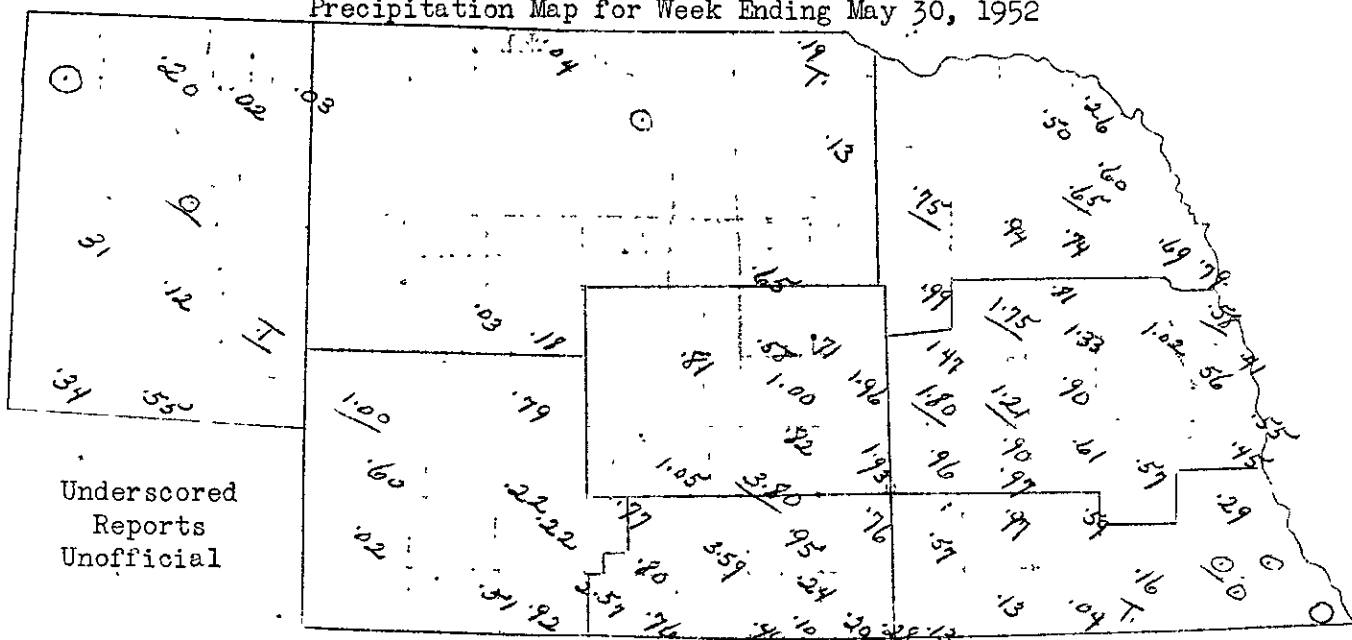
LIVESTOCK Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to Nebraska country points in April were down to 33% compared with April a year ago and the shipments for the first four months of the year were down 29% as compared with the same period a year ago. Shipments to nine of the Corn Belt States, including Nebraska, for the first four months of the year were down 4%.

Shipments of sheep and lambs to Nebraska country points were up 8% in April as compared with a year ago but were down 4% for the first four months of the year as compared to the same period a year ago. Shipments of sheep and lambs to nine of the Corn Belt States for the first four months of the year were up 2%.

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending May 30, 1952



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		MAY						JUNE					
		27th		28th		29th		30th		31st		1st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	70	39	65	36	71	55	81	46	61	36	72	--
	Scottsbluff	74	44	66	40	74	53	80	--	74	39	72	51
	Sidney	73	43	65	40	72	48	79	47	71	41	70	51
N-C	Burwell	84	53	69	39	65	46	80	53	67	41	71	48
	Valentine	76	47	64	37	62	49	83	47	65	41	72	51
NE	Norfolk	83	54	70	45	64	50	77	57	64	46	71	51
	Sioux City	85	52	72	42	65	44	75	59	68	48	75	49
CEN.	Grand Island	85	54	72	44	66	49	79	56	74	54	74	50
	Lexington	83	52	73	40	69	47	80	53	75	42	77	51
E-C	Lincoln	85	55	72	48	68	54	78	62	79	54	78	55
	Omaha	86	56	74	47	66	49	75	63	79	53	75	50
SW	Imperial	79	48	68	41	--	--	--	52	71	44	74	50
	North Platte	84	52	71	40	69	49	83	54	74	41	74	52

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 2, 1952

Eastern Division		Eastern Div. Contd.		Central Division		Western Division	
Albion	.99	Hastings	.76	Broken Bow	1.23	Alliance	0
Ashland	.46	Lincoln	.57	Burwell	.65	Chadron	.01
Auburn	0	Norfolk	.94	Cambridge	2.62	Culbertson	.51
Beatrice	.16	Oakdale	--	Holdrege	3.59	Imperial	.71
Columbus	1.15	Omaha	.94	Lexington	1.10	Kimball	.34
Fairbury	.04	Red Cloud	.36	North Loup	.71	Scottsbluff	.33
Fairmont	.50	St. Paul	1.96	North Platte	.79	Sidney	.42
Falls City	.47	Tekamah	.79	O'Neill	.13		
Fremont	1.30	Wakefield	.60	Ravenna	.82		
Grand Island	1.93	York	.90	Valentine	.10		
Hartington	.50						
Average this week		0.77		1.17		0.33	
Total since April 1		7.16		5.73		4.10	
Normal since April 1		6.75		5.88		5.11	